

X Gene Anderson

- Fred, Herman, and Bill Wenzel of the Wenzel Tent & Duck Co. worked with Bill Kelley to establish the Hawthorn Finishing Co. (it was a division of Wenzel Company)
- Wenzels then merged with 15 companies to form Kellwood; Fred Wenzel became President
- Bill Kelley bought farm land east of Orchard Street, conveyed it to New Haven Improvement Company; on this land the Hawthorn Finishing Company facility was built; New Haven Improvement Company conveyed property to City of New Haven
- Hawthorn Finishing Company became ARP, a division of Kellwood Company
  - its fabric finishing operation was sold to MarChem - which apparently does NOT have ties to Kellwood
- Marchem and ARP still operating at Orchard Street
- NHMC had some kind of working relationship with Kellwood, but GA doesn't know exactly what
- metal works were sold to its employees and named Metalcraft (it still operates along Industrial Drive)
- Kellwood claimed responsibility for the soil contamination at the Metalcraft facility and paid for and conducted the cleanup of **chlorinated solvents** there
- only dry cleaning business that operated in New Haven was on Wall Street near Miller Street
- old city dump was where drums and trash used to be dumped; burned occasionally; GA doesn't know what materials were dumped

*any more information about Kellwood/Metalcraft's soil contamination? how does he know they were chlorinated solvents? what chlorinated solvents were involved? who dumped these chemicals?*

*can GA name the dry cleaning business and who ran it?*

*what exactly does Leader Publications do?*

*since GA seems to be knowledgeable about New Haven's industrial history, can he shed more light on activities at Cottonwood Street facility? Riverfront? TSI? can he tell us more about NHMC's move from Cottonwood to Industrial Drive?*

*in his interview, he never mentions PCE/TCE or any other names of solvents - does he not know if specific chemicals were dumped, or is he just not familiar with the specific names?*

*is he aware of any other dumps besides the Highway 100 dump that was used for disposal?*

**SUMMARY:** *seems very knowledgeable about history of New Haven - may be worth a quick second interview, but 104e to Leader Publications may take care of this*  
**no further questions**

X Julius Gatzemeyer

- Public Works Director for New Haven
- old city dump along Highway 100 closed 1974; "everyone [not just New Haven residents] had access to the dump"; after dump closed, City collected trash and deposited it in approved landfill outside of New Haven city limits
- he worked at Orchard Street facility with quality control; did not work in fabric finishing area or metals operations
- aware that degreasers were used, but not sure what type

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-metals operations were conducted at Cottonwood, then moved by Kellwood to Industrial Drive  
-in mid 1980s, Kellwood "let go" of ARP, and reacquired it later

-late 80s: metals operations were sold by ARP to employees and became Metalcraft; most employees who bought metal works currently run the facility

-Presidents of Hawthorn/Kellwood at this time were Fred Wenzel, William Kelly, Seth Slocum, Mr. Upton (?)

-does not know what trucks were used to haul waste from Kellwood to the dump

-recommends we talk to Art (former mayor) and Phil Pecaut

*any other dumps besides the old city dump?*

*does he know who might know about degreaser types?*

*followup on Mr. Upton? what is his first name - is he still around?*

*any names of current/former employees in the area that might help?*

*SUMMARY: he provided good information; I don't know how much more he can add*

**see my notes**

**Norman Grannemann**

-current employee of USGS, therefore hesitant to answer questions without approval of supervisor

-his aunt owned property on which City landfill was situated; his father initially operated the dump; the dump eventually became City property

-his family owns property containing the old blacksmith shop next to Mr. Wiser's shop along Cottonwood Street

-his family also owns large tract of land on the hill (to the south) and "spanning eastward to the old City dump area"

-NG wants EPA to send him a list of interview questions; he will show them to USGS' ethics office

-NG born [REDACTED], hasn't lived in New Haven since 1963

**Grannemann is the hydro "expert" (cited by Gary Kuhn) who identified groundwater flow in order to place the new well safe from contamination. Don't think he can be much help.**

*since NG himself may not know about dumping at the old City dump, are any of his relatives still alive to help us (like his aunt or father)?*

*did anyone send TCE/PCE wastes to dump? if so, who? any documentation?*

*does he know about the "farmer" who let people bury drums on his land? is he aware of alternate dump sites besides the old City dump?*

*SUMMARY: NG himself may not be a great witness, but he could lead us to family members who might help us more (Dynamac hasn't interviewed anyone from the Grannemann family); any follow-up questions to him will have to be through a 104e, because he seems to be hesitant to answer interview questions without prior approval from his superiors*

Marvin Horstmann

- recalls "soil contamination incident" along Industrial Drive; thinks it may be associated with electrical transformers
- doesn't know about presence or use of a degreaser
- NHMC operated a paint line which at one time "may have used solvents"
- recommends we investigate dry-cleaning facility located downtown - he had heard that they used a chemical similar to PCE (which makes sense - it is used in drycleaning)

*does he remember who ran the drycleaning facility? or how they might have disposed of PCE or other solvents? otherwise, he doesn't seem to remember much about solvent use at the NHMC facility*

**SUMMARY: probably won't get much more out of him  
it doesn't appear that much was asked or offered the first time!**

Bill Kelley

- president of Hawthorn or Kellwood from 1951-1980, but never a plant manager at Hawthorn or Kellwood facilities
- Hawthorn Manufacturing was subsidiary of Wenzel Company; Fred Wenzel was president
- only solvent used at Orchard Street was mineral spirits; to the best of his knowledge, no chlorinated solvents were ever used at the facility
- he is a chemical engineer
- other chemicals were present in facility lab, but only in very small quantities
- water emulsions were used to treat fabrics, replacing organic solvents where practicable
- metals operations were moved to facility at Industrial Drive and sold to employees in 1989; operations were sold to Connie Launie (name hasn't cropped up yet) and Chester Nichols; they are now in operations as Metalcraft
- ARP was managed by Tim Harris (name hasn't cropped up yet); it purchased Kellwood; then MarChem purchased the chemical division of ARP and the facility at Orchard Street
- BK says ARP had to move a lot of contaminated dirt in the early 1990s at Industrial Drive because of solvent contamination found in the soils near the facility
- recommended we talk to Tom McDonald, who worked at the Hawthorn Orchard Street facility

**see my comments on separate file**

*BK brings up a couple of new names of potential people we can interview for the 1st time  
does he know more about the ARP contamination at Industrial Drive? isn't ARP a subsidiary of Kellwood, so shouldn't he know more about it?*

*BK's knowledge seems to be confined to Orchard Street facility, not Cottonwood or Industrial Drive*

*does he know more about the move from Cottonwood to Industrial Drive? (I just now noticed that he never mentions Cottonwood anywhere in the interview.)*

**SUMMARY: BK seems to be high-up on the chain at Kellwood, but not real aware of what was going on at the facility other than at Orchard Street; may be worth a 2nd interview**

X Dale Koch (two separate interviews done with him)

-Orchard Street facility used a fire retardant chemical called deca-bromo-something to do fabric finishing and maintenance

-any leftover solution was drained from the equipment, saved in containers - because it was too expensive to dump the used solution; equipment was wiped out and flushed with mineral spirits; rinsate saved and mixed with chemicals on the next run

-very little degreasing done at facility; if it was done, they used mineral spirits (*any PCE/TCE in them?*) or xylene; degreasing rinsate was captured and disposed of in waste drums

-instead of degreasing parts, they were replaced instead - to save time and money

-some waste was generated by washing drums for recycling; solvent was used to wash and rinse drums

-when solvent was no longer effective, it was stored in waste drums in an area designated for waste solvent and inside of concrete secondary containment

-any solvents considered waste were placed in waste solvent drums

-hazardous waste hauler emptied waste drums by pumping drum contents into truck; all loads of waste that were picked up were manifested (*where can we find those manifests? where was waste sent to?*)

-Rich Willer (yet to be interviewed) **was in charge of waste storage and disposal**; Willer required certification of shipping, handling and disposal practices of any waste disposal firms before those firms were hired

-DK believes Kellwood sold operations to two investors named Upbin(?) and Harrick(?) to form ARP, and ARP continues to operate as division of Kellwood

-DK remembers drums in city dump and fires that were occasionally set there; observed waxy residues around the drums (kind of like paraffin)

-knows that solvents were used to clean metals, but doesn't remember which solvents

*sounds like we need to contact Rich Willer; he may lead us to disposal company names  
followup on Upbin and Harrick? who are these guys?*

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-DK was employed by ARP at Orchard Street from 1977-1991; was plant manager and also responsible for environmental compliance

-to his knowledge, no organic solvents were ever used at Orchard Street; he knows what organic solvents are; to the best of his knowledge, solvents that were used were mineral spirits, naphtha, toluene, and xylene

-DK says that if organic chlorinated solvents were used by ARP, **they would likely have been used at the Industrial Drive facility**

-he doesn't have much knowledge of actual plant operations at Industrial Drive

-well water from ARP well was sampled at some point, and analytical data results were "pleasing"

-DK remembers dry cleaner at bottom of hill in riverfront area in early 1950s, but he doesn't know why type of cleaning solvents were used

*SUMMARY: I don't think he can help us much more; however, in 1987 interview, he said ARP used PCE at their metals unit but hadn't generated any waste since 1984 (metals unit was in*

*operation since 1972, and is/was located on Industrial Drive)*  
**see my notes**

X Gary Kuhn

- Hawthorn built Orchard Street facility in early 1950s; company was purchased by Kellwood
- following purchase by ARP, employee number dropped from over 600 to about 200
- MarChem bought ARP chemical division only, which was the processing plant on Orchard Street
- ARP is still cleaning up contamination on Industrial Drive facility; it has spent "large amount of money to date"
- president of Citizens' Bank

*we didn't ask him anything about TCE/PCE or the specific operations at the various facilities; also don't know if he knows anything about disposal practices  
how much did Citizens' Bank know about the contamination problems at Cottonwood (which wasn't mentioned in the interview at all)?  
what was arrangement with Monzyks and their lessees with regard to lease of Cottonwood property? who owes who money, and who defaulted/bankrupt?*

*SUMMARY: GK may be source of more information, but I think the 104e we're getting ready to send to Citizens' Bank should cover what more we need to know*  
**no add'l. Questions**

✓ Bernell Kuschel

- used a certain solvent quite a bit - can't remember name, but appears to be like paint thinner
- he worked at Kellwood's Orchard Street facility, and **he and other workers usually dumped waste solvent into the creek**; not aware of any dumping of waste solvents at city dump
- worked for Bill Kelley (we have interviewed him) and John Englebreit (who told Dynamac he didn't want to get involved)

*can he provide names of other employees at Orchard Street who did the dumping? who instructed them to do so - their supervisors? he was working for Kellwood, right?  
is PCE contained in paint thinner?  
what's his relationship to Kenneth Kuschel - how long has Kenneth been working with Metalcraft?  
did Bernell ever do any work at the Cottonwood Street facility? (his knowledge seems to be confined to Orchard Street)  
does he know about another dump besides City dump - i.e. the quarry disposal site?*

*SUMMARY: 2nd interview may be good, because he admits to doing actual dumping -agree*  
**Kuschel's interview contradicts Kelley's. Kuschel claims Kelley as manager w/ Engelbreit as sup't. Of dept. Kelley claims he was president, not manager.**

Tom McDonald

- former mayor of New Haven

-two dry cleaning establishments operated on Wall Street in New Haven; a) Mr. Kirchival (now dead) - drycleaning was done in small metal building on property now owned by Summers (just off the back of the McDonald's property)

-about 60 years ago, Kirchival often dumped used cleaning solvent into open drainage ditch adjacent to his property; according to TM, ditch ran downhill from Maupin Avenue, curving toward Wall Street, past Miller Street, and ending east of Wiser's property in a lagoon

-2) conducted inside Summers' residence at Wall Street; TM did not observe dumping or signs of dumping while Summers conducted dry-cleaning facility

-when he was mayor, "all types of waste" were deposited in city dump, including drums full of solvent waste; dump was burned often to keep down rodent infestations

-most information he has is 2nd hand, and TM doesn't remember who told him the info

-as mayor, he closed the dump and instituted trash pickup service

-TM has no recollection of any dumping by Hawthorn/Kellwood other than at the dump

-Langenburg Hat facility on Maupin Ave. and Wall Street - at one point, building was used by International Shoe Company to manufacture shoes; hat company used an acid to treat the hats, but otherwise no chemicals were used

-ARP and Marchem operated at Orchard Street; Marchem operates fabric finishing; ARP performs sewing operations

*Kirchival: it seems like a dry cleaner dumping used solvent is a pretty likely candidate what did City do with the dump? bury it? send it off? after dump was closed, did everyone (companies) included participate in trash pickup, or did they just go to different dumping grounds?*

*did he hear of, or know of, any other dump "sites"?*

*SUMMARY: I don't think he can help us much more, especially with regard to the dump - he is just passing along rumors*

**no add'l. Questions**

#### Dale Mocabee

-was aware of environmental problems before he leased the Cottonwood Street building

-Citizens Bank did not repossess property because bank would then inherit environmental problems

-he paid his rent of \$500/month directly to Citizens Bank, on behalf of Robert Monzyk

-prior occupants of building (hospital bed and tent pole business) used TCE in metal cleansing processes; his company (TSI) only used quenching oil and water soluble paint

-he had a quench tank (above ground) for TSI business; there was also a concrete in-ground tank used for secondary containment of quench tank

-says that Mr. Monzyk (*which one?*) "openly admitted" that he dumped chlorinated solvents for years at the Cottonwood Street property

*Citizens Bank was aware of environmental problems? does DM have proof of this? which Citizens Bank officials/employees did he deal with?*

*why did DM rent property he knew to be contaminated?*

*how does he know prior occupants used TCE? was there any left around when he moved in?*

*he says he was aware of environmental problems before he arrived - how did he find out about it? any documentation?*

*why did DM move his TSI business out of New Haven?*

**SUMMARY:** lots of secondary questions here - perhaps a 2nd interview? (104e is an alternative); in earlier interview, he mentioned that after Riverfront closed, he found 16 drums of waste in the back about 75 yards east of building - drums may have gone to Monzyk's farm agree - hospital firm and tent business used PCE according to Mocabee. Claims that Monzyk openly admitting dumping solvents at Cottonwood. I think an SI also confirms this.

#### Richard Monzyk

-“something like” TCE or PCE were used at Machine Shop to degrease metal parts in 1950s, but “they” switched to a water-based cleanser to degrease metal parts when they started painting operations (which may not mean anything, because it was a mix of a dry chemical with water)  
-same machines and equipment were used at Industrial Drive as were used downtown (Cottonwood?); he may have moved some of the lighter items, but Kellwood moved the larger pieces because they had a fleet of trucks

-admits they used old-style degreaser tank at Cottonwood, but quit using it when they began painting operations (*then why did Pointer say they moved it?*)

-he's not sure if used solvent from degreaser was placed inside drums or dumped; he was not involved in any “dumping”

-heated degreaser would mostly reuse solvent and eventually evaporate

-they “probably dumped any containers and waste materials in the city dump, just like everybody else”

-he can't remember what they did with original degreaser; may have been used for scrap metal

*who did the dumping at the city dump? any other places besides city dump where wastes may have gone?*

*what Kellwood employees moved the heavier equipment?*

*does he remember what Kellwood employees did the disposal or dumping of solvent wastes (since he wasn't involved in that)?*

*if he was owner of NHMC, does he have any records/documents relating to Kellwood (or Hawthorn)'s two-phase purchase of Machine Shop?*

**SUMMARY:** I assume this is the younger brother (i. [REDACTED]) - can do a second interview to obtain this additional information / documentation  
**his memory didn't help the interview much. Note: research SI for prior info.**

#### Robert Monzyk

-he and Richard started business called “Machine Shop” - later became NHMC when they started doing work for Hawthorn Finishing Company

-as NHMC, they did not do any painting; they did have vapor degreaser to clean metal parts; solvent they used had long name (he can't remember it)

-solvent was added to the tank periodically because it would usually just evaporate  
-after Kellwood moved operations from Cottonwood to Industrial Drive, he and Richard went to work for Kellwood over there

-Bill Kelley and Fred Wenzel were two people that they dealt with the most while selling the business

-bought Cottonwood back from Kellwood to start his own side business

-rented part of property to two guys (one is Lenny Landsbaum) who ran business called Riverfront Industries

-Landsbaum quit paying rent and left New Haven, defaulting on lease agreement (we have not done interview with Lenny Landsbaum)

-TSI moved next into the property, and was run by Dale Mocabee

-according to Monzyk, DM ruined the building

-DM was supposed to fix building before he left, but he declared bankruptcy and broke the lease

-knows that Riverfront and TSI used chemicals at Cottonwood Street, but didn't know which chemicals

-Riverfront used to dip parts for cleansing; NHMC used a vapor degreaser

-he was sure that NHMC "used to dump some solvent on the ground" - "everybody used to"; but Robert could not name the solvent

-identified a drycleaning business that used operate in the downtown area - ??

*apparently Robert Monzyk and Mocabee don't get along - their stories seem to contradict each other*

*what exactly does Robert mean by dumping solvent "on the ground"? at the Dump, on the Cottonwood facility premises? where?*

*what happened to the vapor degreaser?*

*if he's so sure NHMC used to dump solvent on the ground, which NHMC employee did it (was it him?)?*

*did Wenzel and Kelley represent Kellwood when they made the purchases of NHMC?*

*when he says "everybody used to" dump solvent on the ground, can he name examples of other people who did this? and where they dumped?*

**SUMMARY: despite his old age and claims that he can't remember, Robert is a good source of information; these followup questions would probably best be answered in another interview - I don't think he will be able to handle the strain of a legal document like a 104e agree - he openly admits dumping onsite, says everyone did, and says kelley and wenzel were the 2 people he dealt w/ most!**

#### X Art Pecaut

-mayor of New Haven from 1993-1999

-1986: Kellwood was cleaning up contamination at Metalcraft facility on Industrial Road

-possible sources of contamination: fuel tanks, truck terminal, railroad spur for offloading (*but no mention of PCE/TCE specifically*)

-after NHMC moved out, there was a hospital bed company; when they moved out, there were 3



or 4 55-gallons barrels left; MDNR tests of the barrels revealed paint shavings, metal cuttings and other waste

-AP cannot remember name of owner of hospital bed business, but this person was not a resident of New Haven and left town owing people a lot of money (AP believes this person moved to Florida)

-degreasing of tent stakes at NHMC/Kellwood was done using water-soluble solution; but AP doesn't know what type of solvent was used; he believes company which made it had name similar to Okaid

-degreasing was done inside steam-type unit, and solvent had to be added as it was lost as an air emission

-steel tent stakes were painted in a line: conveyor mounted, degreased, dipped in paint tank, run through a dryer

-AP doesn't know how solvents were received, handled, or dispensed; doesn't know how waste was generated or disposed; doesn't know if they used chlorinated solvents or not (he was 18 when he was working there)

*at least we know that degreasing was done, but AP won't be able to tell us if PCE/TCE was involved; he wasn't aware of any chemical names that he might have been using because of AP's role with the company, it appears he wasn't aware of any kind of disposal techniques*

*could ask him if he knows more about the Metalcraft facility contamination if we're still looking for Lenny Lansbaum, we might start somewhere in Florida*

**SUMMARY: can't expect much more from AP, agree, no further questions**

X Philip Pecaut

-brother of Art

-worked for NHMC during 1960s and early 1970s; never worked for Kellwood or Metalcraft

-recommends we talk to Wayne Bock, who used to work in NHMC's office

-he thinks Kellwood's takeover of NHMC wasn't real friendly, but Monzyks and Kellwood kept quiet about it

-remembers that NHMC used chemical solvent for degreasing metal and aluminum parts called "percelene"; when asked if it was perchloroethylene, he says he only remembers "percelene"; it had an odor and would turn his hands white after he used it a lot

-solvent used to remove oily film from aluminum tubing and metal parts; used to clean metal tent stakes; stakes were hung on a rack, then passed through degreaser tank, paint station, then an oven

-used solvent occasionally pumped into 55-gallon drums; he does not know where drums were taken or who transported them

-PP doesn't remember any leaks, spills or disposals in the shop area

-most places took their waste to the old city dump; many outsiders did too

-dump often set on fire

-didn't know of any other dumps in New Haven

*who pumped the solvent in to the drums (since PP doesn't know who removed the drums)?*

*a possibly strong witness, except that he can't tell us for sure that PCE was disposed of on the premises or at the dump  
do we think that percelene is the same as PCE? could percelene be a trade name for PCE? it is the same. [REDACTED]. He confirms PCE use to take the oil from hands and recommends we talk to Wayne Bock/ claims he can't recall what happened to drums. I think a 104(e) may be helpful for add'l. Info.*

*SUMMARY: probably no further action with PP*

X Marvin Pointer

-stated that NHMC used PCE; used it to remove greasy film from metal rods - but he does not know how they disposed of used solvent

-says that NHMC did not use public dumping area

-unnamed junk dealer picked up scrap metal and aluminum, but not liquid waste

-degreaser was moved from Cottonwood to Industrial Drive, cleaned and reused; Monzyks did the moving along with some other unnamed NHMC employees

-“much” of the equipment was left behind at shop facility at Cottonwood

*how does he know it was PCE?*

*SUMMARY: probably not much more he can add /confirms PCE use at NHMC, same process at others have stated, to clean poles., remove grease from rods. Can't recall disposal, confirms drums.*

2 Marvin Schroeder (interviewed twice)

1ST INTERVIEW:

- worked at ARP/Hawthorn in the finishing department, working on canvases for the government
  - chemical were used; MS didn't think they were flammable
  - material was dipped into vats containing these chemicals
  - very strong smell
  - very messy
- recommends we talk to John Englebreit, because he ran the lab and therefore probably ordered the chemicals or knew which chemicals were being used
- recalled an "old truck" that was used to transport the barrels
- Archie Oberg might be helpful; he was the night foreman in the finishing department; Kenny Kuschel was assistant foreman and very knowledgeable
- Midge Kruel was another supervisor, may be knowledgeable (*Dynamac found out that she* [REDACTED])
  - also recommends we talk to Earl Hedgorn and Harold Rethemeyer
- MS says Midge, Harold and Earl would be good people to talk to about where drums were taken after the dump was closed; also talk to twins - John and Fritz Steinbeck
- city dump had received barrels of liquid and trash material (about 5-6 barrels per day); Tom Water (*who claims he never worked in New Haven*) and Louie Wolfe (*deceased now*) knew about the barrels and setting them on fire
- later City informed them that Hawthorn dumping was no longer allowed
- MS says Tony Meyer also worked in finishing department
- MS says Dick Vandergriff, Kenny Meyer and Tony Barr (*Bauer?*) also worked for Kellwood after the City refused to allow dumping at the dump; they may be knowledgeable about hauling of wastes
- MS recalls a dry cleaner downtown; Mr. Kerchival owned it first; Wendy Kruel is current owner; in addition, there is another cleaner owned by Harvey Summers
- MS "highly recommends" we talk to Tony Marr (Meyer?), but he is still employed by ARP; "he would know who did what and when"
- also recommends Roy McCarthy; Junior Gallagher; Bill Kelly
- MS says ARP "dumped a lot in the creek, too"; Dave Menke (who wrote an article about Hawthorn) also recommended
- MS also aware of a farmer that had allowed drums to be buried on his property years ago; but MS worried about putting [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2ND INTERVIEW:

- not willing to talk
- after the city dump closed, MS says a landowner (*names?*) allowed Kellwood to dump barrels of waste on his land - as a "gesture of kindness" (*could this be Downey? see Michael Wiser's statement*)
- worked at Orchard Street for Hawthorn Finishing; they made military tents which had treatment chemicals that "made a mess" that was "really difficult to clean up"
- after each shift change, they had leftover materials in treatment tanks and buildup on the line to clean up; they used a solvent to clean residues and placed them in steel 55-gallon drums; doesn't

know what solvent was used

-in 1967, City told Hawthorn not to take drums of solvent and residue to dump on Highway 100 any more; stated that "employees were asked to find places to dispose of the drums other than at the city dump"

-MS says he discussed disposal with his foreman, Archie Oberg (not yet interviewed by Dynamac)

-MS took a pickup truck full of drums to a farm in New Haven area; got permission from farmer to dispose of drums; he stored them next to a building on the farm for about a year; after then, MS was told by the farmer that the drums were buried

-MS says grass over disposal area died for about one season following drum burial; drums were **not intact when buried**

-MS will not give name of farmer unless permission is granted; if so, MS willing to show EPA where drums buried

-doesn't know how many drums were removed from Orchard Street, but he observed many trucks belonging to Steinbeck brothers near the plant; also, Dick Vandergriff (not yet interviewed by Dynamac) probably also disposed of some of the drums

-Kellwood management/supervisors solicited employees to dispose of drums

*what Kellwood managers/supervisors told them to dispose of drums?*

*any other employee names of people who might have done so?*

*farmer's name?*

*any other disposal areas besides the farmer's farm?*

*John Steinbeck says he never worked with any chemicals - who's lying?*

*apparently MS won't be able to pinpoint specific chemicals or solvents that were used/disposed*

*what did City do about the dump after they told people not to dump there any more?*

*SUMMARY: MS not willing to talk, but when he does, he says a lot (and provides lots of names for us to talk to); there are a lot of questions for him, and if he doesn't want to talk with us, then a 104e may be appropriate for him*

*see my notes*

#### ⓓ Harvey and Connie Summers

-they operated Haven Village Cleaners from 1960 to 1975/1977 at their residence; they purchased dry cleaner from Mr. Kerchevel, who operated as Kerchevel Cleaners before 1960

-originally used "old-fashioned" washers and dryers, which were difficult to operate and smelled of solvent; later they bought newer machine

-no spills or releases to environment during cleaning operations

-solvent would become dirty with use, had to be replaced twice a year; he cleaned the equipment filters, but never disposed of them

-purchased cleaning solvent (about 100 gallons per year) from Hawthorn Manufacturing and from Home Oil; didn't remember name of solvent

-used solvent was never disposed down the drains; he stored spent solvent in 55-gallon drums, which were collected and taken away in a pickup truck by an unnamed man; the man claimed he used the solvents to clean auto parts at a garage outside New Haven; HS doesn't know where the man took the drums

- Summers never converted to perc for the dry cleaning process; solvent more expensive; would have needed more expensive equipment
- city dump was "very deep"; city put a lot of dirt over the items buried in the dump; Summers do not know if Hawthorn, Kellwood or ARP used the dump to bury chemicals or chemical containers
- CS worked at Hawthorn facility in early 1960s and said that solvent odors were very strong (from the newly treated tent materials)
- CS recommended we talk to Norma Meyer (name hasn't popped up yet), who is a resident near riverfront area; she has been [REDACTED] and doctor says it could be because of water
- CS recommended Mike Collier (name hasn't popped up yet), who used to work for the City
- CS also recommended Roy Eckerly, who may know about activities and David Menke, who knows about New Haven history; both are people Dynamac has not interviewed

*do they know if Kerchevel ever used or disposed of PCE in his drycleaning business?  
have they heard of any other dumping grounds in New Haven?*

*SUMMARY: they have recommended lots of names for us to talk to, but they themselves don't know much about the situation (ie. about the various facilities, what chemicals they used, etc.)  
see my notes*

#### X Eugene Vedder

-left Machine Shop before it became NHMC

*SUMMARY: not much more he can add  
agree, did not provide info, refers to others.*

#### X Roland Vedder

-metal stakes were degreased prior to painting; degreasing solvent sludge accumulated in tank, and had to be cleaned out (RV not involved)  
-suggested we talk to several people whom he worked with: Eskel Tinhouse (not on Dynamac list), Melvin Duvall (not on Dynamac list); Wayne Bock (Dynamac couldn't find him)

*does he know or have any idea about where degreasing solvent wastes were disposed?*

*SUMMARY: not much more he can add /agree*

#### Bob Winship

-employed by Riverfront Industries as a plant manager by the owner, Lenny Lansbaum  
-Riverfront painted some of its products, using dry powder coat and water-based materials; first, metal was dipped into soap bath solution, then rinsed in water, then immersed into iron or zinc phosphate, rinsed in water, dried; paint application area was equipped with filters, which when replaced were disposed of as solid waste (*no evidence here of PCE or TCE*)  
-Riverfront used solvent to clean painting racks and equipment; he thinks it was toluene because it was flammable (*but isn't PCE or TCE also flammable?*)  
-one of the companies (*names of companies? names of their employees?*) which supplies

the solvent or the paint picked up the 55-gallon drums of spent solvent  
-says his "investigation" revealed that a Riverfront employee dumped 3 gallons of spent solvent on the ground on the east side of the Cottonwood Street building because the current waste drums was full

-however, spill was cleaned up by excavating enough soil to fill 3 55-gallon drums; licensed contractor was asked to properly dispose of drums  
-only other chemical used at Riverfront was an adhesive which was applied with rollers; these rollers were disposed of as solid waste when they dried  
-he doesn't know what happened to Lenny Lansbaum  
-Riverfront employed about 40 people, including Robert Monzyk's son Paul  
-Riverfront was subsidiary of Guild Craftsman in St. Louis

*what does Bob mean by his "investigation" - did that investigation turn up any other episodes of used solvent dumping? Would like name of employee who dumped to see if it really was a one-time deal.*

*is Guild Craftsman a living entity? was it really the parent to Riverfront Industries?*

*how do they know that excavating the soil got all of the solvent? was any solvent dumped into the water?*

*any names of other 40 Riverfront employees who can provide more information about chemicals used or disposed? did they go to work for Kellwood or other companies?*

*BW seems to remember the chemical processes fairly well, and it sounds like Riverfront didn't deal with PCE/TCE; however, in 1987 he admitted dumping waste solvents on the ground behind plant building - they were also stored in a 55-gallon drum on the facility; he also says 16 drums of waste found on property were from the paint line and possibly from spilled thinner cleanup*

*SUMMARY: I'd like to see a 2nd interview with BW, agree*

**claims toluene as the solvent for painting operations, claims it was picked up by supplier. Some dumping noted /complaint rec'd. and acted upon. (Dug up dirt).**

Michael Wiser

-purchased Cottonwood Street property around April 1997 for \$25,000; money paid directly to Citizens' Bank rather than Mr. Monzyk

-doesn't understand why bank did not repossess property previously owned by Robert Monzyk when Monzyk declared bankruptcy

-prior tenant, Dale Mocabee (TSI) had cleaned out the place during his own bankruptcy proceedings; "barrels containing something that was believed to be contaminated were removed prior to TSI vacating the building"

-MW doesn't know where drums were sent, but he believes it was Downey's property (Lee Downey?)

-TSI had an oil pit in the building, but MW doesn't think it contained TCE or PCE; and TSI pumped out the pit prior to leaving the building

-when TSI left the facility, MW says MDNR took samples of pit's walls and residue; MDNR didn't find anything and allowed pit to be filled with concrete

-MW says MDNR person said it was not interested in any environmental problems associated

with the property; also says Monzyk told him there were no environmental issues outstanding with respect to the property

-MW says Julius Gatzemeyer (interviewed by Dynamac) has been telling New Haven people that chemicals that EPA is looking for was on "Wiser's ground"

-MW pointed out **another dump** similar to the dump on Highway 100; local industry "deposited drums of unknown material in this dump prior to the dump being covered"; approximately 20-25 feet of fill dirt was used to cover the site; MW believes City of New Haven owned property when it was being used as a dump

-where located? one is west of Nolan Road (which is not on map)

-possibly another dump area in an area bounded by Miller Street, Orchard Street, Elton Street - wooded areas here were used by metal fabricators "as dump areas before, during and after the dump sites west of Nolan Street and Highway 100 and East Industrial Drive were open"; this is part of Granneman farm

-MW has no direct personal knowledge of these events, but he talks to those who do

*who at the Bank did MW deal with? was he/she aware of environmental contamination and problems there? were they involved more directly with the site?*

*any further details about Mocabee's "contaminated" substances? any proof of what it was who is Downey? why did the drums go there? who sent them there: TSI?*

*what did TSI do with the stuff pumped out of the concrete pit?*

*who are the people that directly observed dumping at sites other than the City Landfill? we may need to talk to Granemanns (if they're still around) about why they accepted these materials, what those materials were, etc.*

**SUMMARY:** MW brings up nice info about two possible other dump sites, but has no direct knowledge or proof of those sites and what was sent there; the best we can hope for is that he gives us the names of direct witnesses who observed dumping - through 2nd interview? **Don't think a second interview will help.**

**Conflicting info. based on conversations: racing fuel was never sold - was thinking of selling it but didn't. Wiser's claim that EPA hurt his business because of the "usual" sales conflicts his conversations w/ me.**

## OTHERS

Matt Lipsinger - employee of construction company that was hired to bury drums from TSI

Pat McDonald - had an argument with new mayor Panhorst about giving info to EPA

Louis Wolf's widow - her husband was early dump operator

Archie Oberg - currently employed by ARP, but had knowledge about plant practices

Kevin Busch - knowledge about landfill, dumping in stream, hauling barrels to the City dump

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson - don't disclose identity, but they know about TSI practices of drums along fence, dumping into sewer line; they observed dumping ; they say sewer lines exit into Missouri River

-Mr. Wilson knowledgeable about ARP dumping in the lowlands by the river (dumping of dyes)

Roy Gerdes - knowledge about ARP practices?

Chester Nichols - plant manager of Metalcraft - does he know anything about hazardous

substances?

Thomas Pollihan - president of Kellwood - Metalcraft; does he know anything about hazardous substances?

Richard Willer - purchasing manager for ARP; in 1987 interview, he said ARP used PCE in their metals unit but hadn't generated any waste since 1984

Mr. Nedlock(?) - facility manager at TSI

Melvin Menke - employed at Kellwood before 1975; in 1993 interview, he says Kellwood sent up to 10 drums/month to the city dump; drums were buried and covered with gravel for a parking lot; he also knew of contamination at the TSI plant, and stated that drums were buried on site at New Haven Manufacturing

John Pruessner - says Kellwood used PCE at Industrial Drive until 1986; up to 5 gallons at a time were dumped at northeast end of building until they heard about solvent being in city water; they stopped dumping and covered area with gravel

Jerry Dotson - worked at TSI/Riverfront for 2 years; says waste solvents used to clean equipment went out hole in wall on east side of building and onto the ground; doesn't know what solvent was used

Lee Downey - worked for TSI; stated that at one time 20 gallons of thinner were spilled; during cleanup, contaminated soil was put in 55 gallon drums; thinks the 16 gallons found on the property held wastes from paint line and cleanup

Dennis Bean - worked 1+ years at Riverfront; did not ship any waste from facility during this time (ending 1988); when he left 16 drums of waste were located outside along south side of building

Don Brandt - says Mocabee agreed to move drums to behind the building; placed on wood pallets, but drums were uncovered

John Englebreit - ran the lab at Hawthorn and would be knowledgeable about specific chemicals that were used